

# San Diego DX Club Bulletin



February 2011



**JIM Mc COOK, W6YA**

## MEETING PROGRAM:

**9V1YC - ZL8 KERMADEC ISLAND DXPEDITION**

## MEETING NOTICE:

**JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER**

**AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26, 2011**

**SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.**

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## The Prez Sez . . . .

*Gayle Olson K6GO*



My #1 New Year's resolution was to get the Big DX Goddess to grant us great propagation. As I write this the sunspot numbers are up!

I received my e-mail reminder about the due date for this month's article. When I explained that I needed an extension, because I was just too busy enjoying the sun and the fun as well as stopping to smell the cactus in Cabo, our intrepid newsletter edition accused me of being on GST [Gayle Standard time.] The nerve! (☺ from INLE)

We have a new DXpedition to announce. From approximately April 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> T31A will be active on Kanton Island. Our own Jim, K6ZH; Bud, N7CW, who is still ours although he became a Zoney; and Arnie, N6HC, who has spoken at our club meetings a few times and a Southern California DX Club member; along with a group of thirteen others will be members of this endeavor. Please go to <http://www.t31a.com> for more information. Kanton Island is the largest, northernmost, and as of 2010, the sole inhabited island of the Phoenix Islands in the Republic of Kiribati. In 2008, Kanton and the rest of the Phoenix Islands became the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA), the world's largest marine protected area, covering a total area of 410,500 square kilometers of land and ocean. In 2007 it was submitted, together with the rest of the PIPA, as a UNESCO World Heritage site. In August 2010, the PIPA became a World Heritage site.

Our own Glenn, K6NA, has been named as Southwestern Division representative to the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee. Glenn is a member of the CQ Contest Hall-of-Fame, former member of the CQWW Contest Committee, and past president of our San Diego DX Club. He has been a significant contributor to Amateur Radio's antenna ordinance related interactions with the City of San Diego.

Here is a friendly reminder that the 62nd Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Northern California DX Club will be held at The Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California from April 15 - 17, 2011. IDXC is the place to be. Top DX operators from around the world will be there. You'll match those familiar call signs with new faces, and shake hands with the person you have had a sched with for the past 10 years but never met.

See you at our next meeting, and please try to bring a guest or a member who has not attended in a while.

73,

*Gayle*

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!



## Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



## Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of December 1, 2010 **\$4,582.80**

### Income:

Member dues 30.00

### Expense:

Holiday party 245.71

Copying for new member booklet 82.99

Ending balance November 30, 2010 **4,284.10**

Legal fund: 20.25

Shirt and hat sales: 367.53

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

## San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting in December, therefore no minutes to report

36 current members have not yet renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer



On February 24th, 2011, QCWA Chapter 154 in West Palm Springs will celebrate Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ's 100th birthday. For those that don't remember, Leo owned and operated World Radio Laboratories in Council Bluffs, IA for many years.

So here's the plan: please write "Happy 100th Birthday Leo" on a QSL card and send it to:

Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ  
19 Park Lane  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Gene Pentecost, President of QCWA Chapter 154 will make sure they get to the party so everyone that attends can enjoy them.

Tell every ham you know to do the same thing, QCWA member or not. Spread the word. We want Leo to get hundreds, maybe even thousands of cards.

## The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



### TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 10 METERS

2/11	2/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	W6YA	40	?	?	334	+3
2.	4.	N6ND	40	250	257	325	+4
3.	3.	N6AW	40	312	322	322	-
4.	6.	K6AM	40	312	319	320	-
5.	5.	N6CW	40	?	289	320	-
6.	7.	W6YOO	40	286	290	290	-
7.	8.	W6YI	40	257	263	284	+8
8.	9.	K6TQ	40	275	275	275	+14
9.	10	K6ZH	38	242	246	260	+1
10.	-	N7CW		203	203	254	NEW

### TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 40 METERS

2/11	2/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	331	344	346	+4
2.	2.	N6ND	40	288	295	342	+4
3.	3.	K6AM	40	322	328	334	+4
4.	5.	N6AW	40	317	323	324	-
5.	6.	N6CW	40	?	276	323	-
6.	7.	K6XT	40	284	290	318	-
7.	10.	K6TQ	40	317	317	317	+23
8.	8.	N7CW	40	273	273	316	-
9.	9.	W6YI	40	294	298	315	+11
10.	-	K6ZH	39	258	261	280	NEW

Sadly, we lost one of our top scorers on this list since last year. Wayne, W6EUF goes into the record books with a total of 332 on 10 meters and 327 on 40.

Some nice 4 point jumps in score come from those who reported their new PJ contacts. Don't be left behind, get your latest scores to me as soon as you have those new ones. Our 40 meter champ, Jim, W6YA holds on handily to the top spot as well as moving into number one on 10. He should be able to keep both for several more years. Ten, of course is sound asleep most of the time, but we will start seeing some action later this year. But 40 has been as good as ever. We should see a bit of movement here by next time as reports begin coming in.

Congrats this month go out to our 2010 Rookie of the Year, Wild Bill Wiederhold, WB6BFG. For the second year in a row, Bill worked more new ones than any other member with 72 in the plus column. Honorable mention goes to David Hendrick, K6JHD with 56. Good work, OM's!

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 80, 20, 15 meters, and then the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

73, John



## From your (intrepid) SDDXC Editor

**Bob Farkaly, K9RHY**

For the January 2011 edition of the Bulletin, I wrote a piece about which of the DXCC entities is the rarest of them all. First, for those who read it, I hope you enjoyed it.

I know Jim Mc Cook, W6YA did because he sent me a fantastic and nostalgic email in response.

(Thank you, Jim!) I enjoyed reading Jim's email so much, I asked him if I could share

it with all my fellow SDDXC members and was delighted when he gave me the green light. So now, so that everyone can enjoy Jim's tale as much as I did, here is the story:

I know some of the guys have heard all those stories, so a few of them may roll their eyes, so I'll just ignore that.

Congrats on another great bulletin! The story of W6ODD/CR8 has always been interesting. There are a few of us around that appreciate that sort of history. Jan Perkins did a good job of covering the history of those early post war year in his W6AM book.



**Jim Mc Cook, W6YA**

K6ZO (ex-W6CUQ) was one of the lucky ones. At a time when several of those guys were competing for top of the Honor Roll, Ed worked W6ODD/CR8, then called Don, W6AM, to alert him to the presence of the CR8. Don was doing antenna work with his rhombics, and told Ed that he was busy and would work him the next morning. Of course that chance never came. That's the one Don missed. Both Ed and Don told me that story.

My Indian friend, here for 35 years as a naturalized American, told me that the Portuguese character of Goa is well preserved. I told him the story about the rare ham operation from Damao.

Ed, K6ZO, is still alive, but sparsely active. K6KII and I have tried to arrange an article about his with Bernie to publish, but it fizzled. I think Ed just doesn't care any more. I talked with him on the phone a week or so ago. I think he's 95 now, mostly busy taking care of his handicapped wife. I encouraged him as always to get on the air. He said he will do his best, whatever that means.

Like Don, Ed missed only one country. It was one of the Don Miller operations.... Minerva Reef. Miller was notorious for avoiding QSOs with top honor roll guys, and would never come back to Ed, no matter what Ed did. It was obviously a slam-dunk from Southern California, but that turned out to be the only one Ed missed. Today he's still on top by himself. He is not one of Don Miller's fans, to say the least.

BTOLS was the same experience for me as it was for you. It was great to work Tibet, but being too late was very frustrating. All those Himalayan countries were exotic DX, and I remember too many times being late enough to miss out on Tibet. I did manage the AC3 and AC5, though.

In 1970 I was reunited with an old 40m AM friend from high school days. She was Jinny, K6RQB, who was then living in Nepal, operating as 9N1RA. It was an accidental reunion, and we talked most mornings during the next year before she moved to India. One morning she and I were talking on 20m SSB with 7Z3AB, another regular who eventually moved to Escondido upon retirement from Aramco. I mentioned to Jinny that I was looking for AC3PT, who was rumored to be active. She told me she chatted with him often, and would help me look for him, and perhaps line up a sked.

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We signed off, and about 20 minutes later, I ran across a huge pileup. It was full of constant callers, but when it eventually cleared, I heard a weak voice calling me. It was AC3PT!! He refused to come back to anyone else until we had our QSO, which was short and very sweet. That was a moment to remember. The card arrived before I sent mine to him.

When India annexed Sikkim, he moved to New York with his American wife, where he eventually died around 1984. I recall the National Geographic issues that covered their wedding.

Recently another story developed, which I think is a great one. I have been in contact with W7LR, mostly because of his 160m receiving antennas, and his history as an OT. I noticed the link on his QRZ.com address to his historical trip to East Africa in 1948, which was sponsored by Hallicrafters (if you haven't read it, please do). Unfortunately the logs were lost in later years, but Bob had made his own notes from the original log, listing the most interesting calls that he worked from VQ3HGE. When I looked over that list of calls, I noticed one familiar one: VQ8AD.

In 1989 I visited Mauritius, staying with Jacky, 3B8CF. He was a wonderful host and gave me the upscale tour of the island and its hams. Jacky had stayed with us here about 5 years before.

One stop was to visit 3B8AD, ex VQ8AD, who had been the first ham to operate from Chagos in 1937 (that's another story!). After reading Bob's story, I realized that W7LR had worked Paul, VQ8AD, during that 1948 expedition, so I called Bob's attention to it. He immediately asked if there were some way to contact Paul, who I had lost contact with years ago. I suggested he Email Jacky to see how to contact Paul. They made Email contact and Paul verified VQ3HGE in his old log.

Now Bob is awaiting the QSL from 3B8AD for that contact, after 62 years. It will be the only card he will have received for that operation. He's on Cloud Nine!

Keep up the great work in the bulletin.

73, Jim, W6YA



**From: Paul N6PSE**  
**Co-Leader T6PSE DXpedition**

Please tell us on what band/modes you need T6PSE during our May, 2011 DXpedition from Afghanistan:

<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/t6pse/survey.php>

To help satisfy the needs of all, we will operate in the General Class portion of the bands, particularly during the second half of our ten day operation.

Interested DXers can also follow T6PSE via Twitter, and can follow the adventures of the Intrepid-DX Group on Facebook.

We are already planning for more exciting DXpeditions later in 2011 and in 2012. We will announce our activity on DX-World, DX Coffee and The Daily DX just before we go live.

February 2011 Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
ARRL DX Contest, CW	19-Feb	0000Z	20-Feb	2400Z
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	25-Feb	2200Z	27-Feb	2159Z

